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1. PARA 6 OF DRAFT RESOLUTION CONTAINED REFTEL IS CLEAR
EXAMPLE OF DEPT'S UNDERLYING CONCERN WITH IMPLICATIONS OF
WORDING OF RESOLUTIONS GRANTING OBSERVER STATUS TO EC
AND CEMA AS INDICATED PARA 1 STATE 224076 AND WITH GA
DECISION GRANT OBSERVER STATUS PLO. FRENCH STATEMENT IN
PLENARY OCTOBER 11 AND BULGARIAN STATEMENT IN GENERAL
COMMITTEE OCTOBER 8, BOTH REPORTED USUN 4029, DID MUCH TO
CLARIFY SITUATION WITH RESPECT INTENT OF EC AND CEMA.
HOWEVER GA HAS SINCE GRANTED OBSERVER STATUS PLO WHICH
HAS APPEARED IN PLENARY AND THERE NOTHING TO INDICATE OAU
NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS PREPARED ADOPT RESTRAINT
WITH RESPECT THEIR PARTICIPATION IN WORK OF GA THAT EC
AND CEMA INDICATED THEY WOULD. DEPT CONTINUES BELIEVE,
AS IN CASE PLO, LIBERATION MOVEMENTS NOT ENTITLED TO
OBSERVER STATUS AND THAT THEIR PARTICIPATION IN GA AND ITS
COMMITTEES IS DISRUPTIVE. MOREOVER, WIDESPREAD EXTENSION
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OF OBSERVER STATUS, AND EACH SUCH EXTENSION, MAKES LINE

MORE DIFFICULT TO DRAW. PARTICIPATION OF GROUPS AND MOVEMENTS, NEITHER SOVEREIGN STATES NOR REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF A GOVERNMENTAL CHARACTER, COULD CHANGE THE BASIC CHARACTER OF THE ASSEMBLY AS A MEETING OF SOVEREIGN STATES. FINALLY, PARA 6 AS DRAFTED HAS SERIOUS FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

2. DEPT ALSO HAS RESERVATIONS WITH RESPECT PARA 7 ON BASIS SAME GENERAL CONCERNS, PARTICULARLY IF PROVISIONS APPLIED TO MEETINGS OF SECURITY COUNCIL.

3. USGADEL SHOULD THEREFORE (A) SEEK ASSURANCE FROM COSPONSORS DRAFT RESOLUTION THAT STATEMENT COMPATIBLE TO THAT MADE BY FRANCE FOR EC CITED ABOVE WILL BE MADE IN PLENARY BY SPOKESMAN FOR GROUP ON BEHALF OAU AND LIBERATION MOVEMENTS CONCERNED, AND IF SUCH ASSURANCE IS OBTAINED, USGADEL SHOULD ABSTAIN ON RES; (B) IF SUCH ASSURANCE NOT OBTAINED, USGADEL SHOULD SEEK SEPARATE VOTE ON PARAS 6 AND 7, AND VOTE AGAINST THESE PARAS, AND IF THEY APPROVED, ABSTAIN ON RESOLUTION AS WHOLE.

4. IN BRIEF EXPLANATION OF VOTE, DELEGATION SHOULD EXPRESS DEPARTMENT'S CONCERNS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 ABOVE. KISSINGER

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